

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**APPENDIX TO CIVILITY PRINCIPLES**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I do solemnly swear (or affirm):

I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York;

I will maintain the respect due to Courts of Justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any suit or proceeding which shall appear to me to be unjust nor any defense except such as I believe to be honestly debatable under the law of the land;

I will employ for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me such means only as are consistent with truth and honor and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by an artifice or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client and will accept no compensation in connection with his business except from him or with his knowledge and approval;

I will abstain from all offensive personality and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged;

I will in all other respects conduct myself personally and professionally in conformity with the high standards of conduct imposed on members of the bar as conditions for the privilege to practice law in this State and before this Court.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.